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SUBJECT: DEATH OF SOVIET EMBASSY EMPLOYEE

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1. AS REPORTED BY PREVIOUS SEPTTEL, STEPANOV DIED ABOUT 10:30 P.M. OCTOBER 24. PLEASE EXPRESS REGRETS TO MFA AS APPROPRIATE.

2. SHORT ITEM APPEARED IN LATE EDITIONS OF OCTOBER 25 WASHINGTON POST. DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICE IS PHONING PRESS TO RELEASE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF REGRET.

3. QUOTE..THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEEPLY REGRETS THE  
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TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. SERGEY VASILYEVICH STEPANOV, A SOVIET

EMBASSY EMPLOYEE WHO WAS SHOT DURING A SIDEWALK ROBBERY ATTEMPT IN DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 2. MR. STEPANOV DIED AT ABOUT 10:30 P.M. LAST NIGHT (OCTOBER 24) AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL. THE DEPARTMENT HAS EXPRESSED ITS REGRETS TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY, AND WE ARE CONVEYING OUR CONDOLANCES TO THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN MOSCOW. OUR DEEP SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO MRS. STEPANOV AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY. END QUOTE.

4. FYI. SOVIET EMBASSY TENTATIVELY PLANS TO SHIP REMAINS OCTOBER 26 SU 318. KISSINGER

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